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**WATER DISTRICT #31
Dubois, Idaho**

CLARK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, IDAHO

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2013

The water users of Water District No. 31 met in the Clark County Annex Building, Dubois, Idaho, on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., as provided by Idaho Statutes for the purpose of electing a chairman and secretary, electing a watermaster, adopting the 2013 budget, and any other business that may come before the District.

Those in attendance were: Dallas Furness, Chairman; Jim Hagenbarth, Brian Wehausen (Camas Wildlife Refuge), Keith Shulberg (Independent Water Users), Rhett Jacobs (Riverbend Ranch), George Perschon, Renee Perschon, Richard Savage, Gerald Messerli (Mud Lake Water Users) Roy Yearsley (Mud Lake Water Users), Max Siddoway, Thane Siddoway, Dwight Little, James Cefalo (IDWR), Greg Shenton, Watermaster; Brett Murdock, Deputy Watermaster; and Laurie Small, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Dallas Furness, Chairman at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Gerald Messerli moved that the proposed agenda be adopted as the order of business for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Hagenbarth. Motion passed.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Reading and Approval of Previous Year's Minutes
3. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
4. Report of Watermaster and Approval
5. Fix the Compensation of Watermaster and Deputy
6. Adoption of Budget
7. Election of Watermaster and Appointment of Deputy
8. Appointment of Advisory Board
9. Adoption of Resolutions
10. IDWR Report
11. Other Business
12. Set Date and Time of Next Year's Annual Meeting
13. Adjournment

MINUTES

Minutes were passed out to all those in attendance. Minutes were read individually. Jim Hagenbarth made a motion to accept the 2012 minutes. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Chairman Furness asked for nomination from the floor for Chairman and Secretary. Gerald Messerli moved that Dallas Furness continue as Chairman and Laurie Small as Secretary. Keith Shulberg moved nominations cease. Thane Siddoway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORT OF WATERMASTER

Watermaster Greg Shenton discussed the Watermaster's Report items as follows.

2012 WATER YEAR

The 2012 water delivery was at 117,262 A.F. for the water district. A total of 10,170A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 107,0902 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2011 water delivery was at 112,764 A.F. for the water district. A total of 23,150 A.F. of water was delivered in Clark County, and 89,614 A.F. of water was delivered in Jefferson County. The 2012 water delivery was up 4,498 A.F. from that which was delivered in the 2011 water season.

STREAM FLOWS

Beaver Creek ran to Dubois until June 26th. Camas Creek flowed to the Refuge until June 21st in 2012.

WELL FLOWS

Independent water users started pumping on the 23rd of March and Mud Lake Water Users started pumping the 1st of April.

BEAVER

This year there was little beaver trouble at the upper Laird Diversion. There are normal signs of beaver activity in Kilgore. There are dams on East Camas that have been diverting water from the stream.

MUD LAKE CONTENT

Watermaster reported on the water levels in Mud Lake for March 1, 2013, which was 8,470A.F. May 1, 2012 which was 33,800 A.F. and November 1, 2012 which was 11,800 A.F.

CAMAS CREEK INFLOW INTO MUD LAKE

For 2011 the inflow was 25,400 A.F. The 2012 inflow was 0 A.F.

2012 WATER USE OF MAJOR CANAL COMPANIES

Mud Lake Water Users used a total of 70,961 A.F., applying 3.24 A.F. per acre, while the Independent Water Users used 9,603 A.F. applying 2.34 A.F. per acre. 2012 average use in the Mud Lake area 3.09 A.F. per acre. From 1992 to 2012 the average is 2.85 A.F. per acre. The high was in 1992 of 3.31 and the low was in 2009 of 2.26.

SNOW REPORT - MARCH 1, 2013

The Camp Creek-Beaver Creek measurements show a snow depth of 26" with water content at 5.6 compared to Kilgore-Camas Creek measures show a snow depth of 33" with water content at 5.6. The Camp Creek snow course is at 67% of normal, the Kilgore course is 59% of normal, the Crab Creek course is at 91%, and the Lake View Ridge is at 104% of normal. The average of all 4 sites is 80% of normal.

Greg also reported on the cloud seeding in the area. There was a map provided showing the placement of generators in the area.

Idaho Power has been doing balloon launches to track weather patterns.

Greg reported on information that came from another water district's meeting concerning joining the water districts in this area into one district. Greg did not feel that this would benefit the water district.

2012 BUDGET REVIEW AND 2013 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Watermaster, Greg Shenton, reviewed the 2012 budget and actual expenses, explaining some of the expenditures. Greg also went over the 2013 Budget Proposal which would remain the same as 2012 budget if adopted. There were unused fourth quarter funds totaling \$2,678.63. The Federal Agencies were \$7,537.66.

APPROVAL OF WATERMASTER'S REPORT & ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Keith Shulberg made a motion to approve the Watermaster's Report. Gerald Messerli seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Keith Shulberg made the motion to approve the compensation of the Watermaster. Thane Siddoway seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Thane Siddoway made a motion to adopt the proposed 2013. Keith Shulberg seconded the motion. Motion passed.